GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMISSIONING OF INS SHARDUL IN NAVY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the INS Shardul has been commissioned into the active service of the Indian Navy as reported in the Deccan Herald dated January 3, 2007;

(b) if so, when was it commissioned;

(c) the total load bearing capacity of the Warship INS Shardul alongwith the time taken to build it and the total expenditure incurred on it;

(d) the role expected to be played by it during peace and war time;

(e) the company which built the INS Shardul;

(f) whether the warship has been aptly named Shardul; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): INS Shardul was commissioned into the Indian Navy on January 4, 2007.

(c) to (e): M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., Kolkata built the ship in 52 months at the cost of about Rs.363 crore. The ship, which displaces a total of 5600 tons, is meant for amphibious landing of men and material.

(f) & (g): Yes, Sir. The amphibious ships are normally named after ferocious animals or amphibians, and "Shardul" means "tiger".